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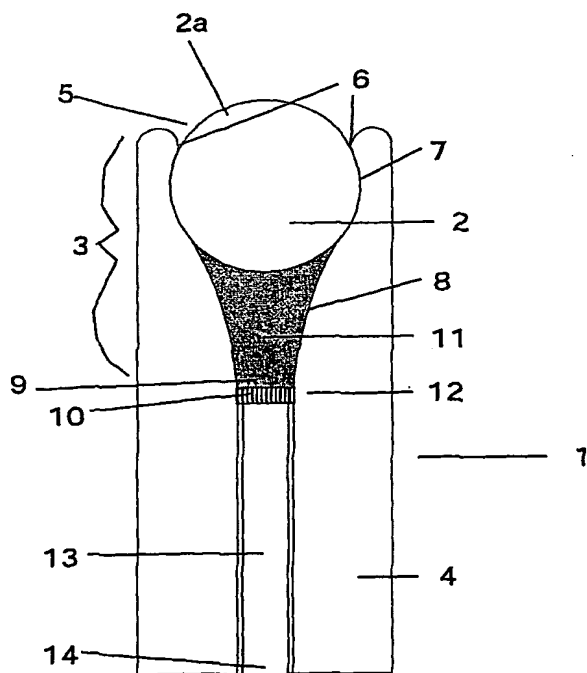
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(57) Abstract: A method and a device for collecting a sample of material from a surface. A ball (2) within a socket (3) such that the ball is free to rotate in any direction. As the ball rolls across the surface the sample of material is collected by the ball and is transferred by the ball to a collection reservoir (not shown) via the conduit (14). An absorbent material may be placed in space (11) and a filter (10) in the outlet (9) is permeable to fluid but not absorbent material.

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